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Government Extends Ban on Imports of Livestock Products due to AI

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Report Highlights:

On March 18, 2010, the Government of India (GOI) extended the import prohibition on specified live animals and livestock products from countries reporting outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI), for another six months. Despite exemptions listed in the notification for processed poultry meat, raw and processed swine meat products, processed pet food, and processed feathers, the import of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

General Information:**Introduction:**

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DADF), issued a Gazette notification on March 18, 2010, extending its ongoing prohibition on imports of specified live animals and livestock products from all countries reporting Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI). This extension is effective for a period of six months from the date of publication of this notification (March 18, 2010). Despite the exemptions listed in the notifications for processed poultry meat, raw and processed swine meat products, processed pet food, and processed feathers, the imports of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

Disclaimer:

This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Details on the final Gazette notification No. S.O. 616(E), dated March 18, 2010:

- **Publication Date:** March 18, 2010
- **Date of Implementation:** March 18, 2010
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of March 24, 2010)
- **Products Affected:** See notification text

Agency in Charge: Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Government of India (GOI).

Proposed Changes:

Notification (Text as published is attached)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**(Department of Animal Husbandry,
Dairying and Fisheries)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 18th March, 2010

S.O. 616(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 and Section 3A of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898), and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) number S.O.2208 (E) dated 31st August, 2009 the Central Government hereby prohibits, with effect from the date of publication of this notification,—

- (i) the import into India from all countries, in view of Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza), un-processed meat and meat products from Avian species, including wild birds (except poultry);
- (ii) the import into India from the countries reporting Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza), the following livestock and livestock products, namely:—
 - (a) domestic and wild birds including poultry and captive birds ;
 - (b) day-old chicks, ducks, turkeys and other newly hatched Avian species ;
 - (c) un-processed meat and meat products from Avian species, including wild birds ;

- (d) hatching eggs ;
- (e) eggs and egg products (except Specific Pathogen Free eggs) ;
- (f) un-processed feathers ;
- (g) live pigs ;
- (h) pathological material and biological products from birds ;
- (i) products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use ;
- (j) semen of domestic and wild birds including poultry.

2. The prohibition specified in items (i) and (ii) shall not be applicable to the import of,—

- (a) processed pet food containing ingredients of meat and meat products from avian species, pigs and products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding.
- (b) the import of pathological materials and biological products for diagnostic and research purposes.

3. The Central Government may allow the import of processed poultry subject to the satisfactory conformity assessment of the exporting country.

4. The prohibition shall be in force for a period of six months from the date of publication of this notification or till the time the said notification is modified or withdrawn, whichever is earlier.

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